

I am a professional software developer and computer user. I work for a group which produces educational videos. I am especially concerned that the Federal Government wants to turn general-purpose computers into limited devices, and only allow the media industry access to general-purpose software.

The ability to time-shift regular TV did not destroy the broadcast or cable industries. Why should the government criminalize "software VCRs" --and place new restrictions on what people can do with their computers--simply to assuage the fears of one industry?

The broadcast flag, like the CBDTPA, is an attempt to cripple the computer industry to protect the media industry. Notice that the media industry wants an exemption for \*their own\* computers, but simultaneously wants to restrict voters.